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SUBJ: CDB PRESIDENCY

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AID FOR VENEZIA

1. ACTING CDB PRESIDENT ROY JONES RE-CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF
CDB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SLATED FOR BRIDGETOWN JAN 26
IN EFFORT TO NAME NEW CDB CHIEF. JONES, OUTLINING STAFF AND
PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES CREATED IN PART BY HIS "TEMPORARY"
STATUS, EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT SATURDAY'S MEETING WOULD
REACH DECISION ON NEW CDB CHIEF.

2. JONES ALSO REVEALED THAT CARICOM SECRETARY-GENERAL WILLIAM
DEMAS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AS SUCCESSOR TO SIR ARTHUR
LEWIS DESPITE DEMAS' DISCLAIMERS OF INTEREST VOICED SO
STRONGLY LAST FALL. JONES HIMSELF IS, OF COURSE, ALSO
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LEADING CANDIDATE.

3. REGARDING ANNUAL AID REVIEW, JONES ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AID QUESTIONS AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT CDB CAN BE FULLY PREPARED.

4. COMMENT: APPARENTLY, DEMAS' CANDIDACY IS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE. SOME OF CDB STAFF AND LOCAL BANKING COMMUNITY FEEL THAT DEMAS' POLITICAL SKILLS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SMOOTHER OPERATION OF DIVERSE ORGANIZATION LIKE CDB. JONES, HOWEVER, DOES HAVE ADVANTAGES OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE. AS OF THIS DATE WE KNOW OF NO OTHER FIRM CANDIDATES. ONE COMPLICATION IS THAT BOARD/GOVERNORS' ROTATING CHAIRMAN, GRENADA'S FINANCE MINISTER GEORGE HOSTEN, WHOSE HOME ISLAND IS NOW SCENE OF UNREST, WILL PROBABLY BE HARD-PRESSED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP AT THIS TIME. IN FACT, AS TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH GRENADA ARE CUT OFF BECAUSE OF STRIKE, CDB AS OF THIS DATE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM SATURDAY MEETING WITH HOSTEN.
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